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authorized, and it does not replace, it does not mandate that a school district actually utilize something like this but rather it just gives a school district an additional option that they may either choose to use or not choose to use. It gives the school district the option. But the ultimate decision-making process on who is awarded one of these construction contracts remains as it is today, with the school district, not with some third party. It just gives another tool in the toolbox, as Senator Jensen would say, to school districts that hopefully could save school districts time, could save them money and also eliminate quite a bit of confusion, notwithstanding what happened on the floor here today. But I can say that the amendment that will not... I do not believe will be offered, this AM2621, is a conformed copy. If you read that from front to back, that is the sum total of AMO588, as amended by AM2622, which is what we just did previous. So I just wanted to make that clear, is that, despite some of the things that Senator Chambers said about not all of it being included in this AM2621, this is actually as the bill looks right now. And so if you have that on your desk and if you do have questions, this would how we could respond to any questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is approximately eleven o'clock. At this point in time we will now move to LB 1257 motions. I'm going to clear the speaking board at this point in time. Mr. Clerk, items for the record before we begin.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Transportation, chaired by Senator Bromm, reports LB 923, LB 998, LB 1069 to General File; LB 439, LB 488, LB 918, LB 1195 to General File with amendments; and LB 1298 indefinitely postponed. Mr. President, I have a Reference report referring certain gubernatorial appointees to the appropriate Standing Committee for confirmation hearing, and an amendment by Senator Don Pederson to LB 185 to be printed. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 582-589.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now move to those motions.